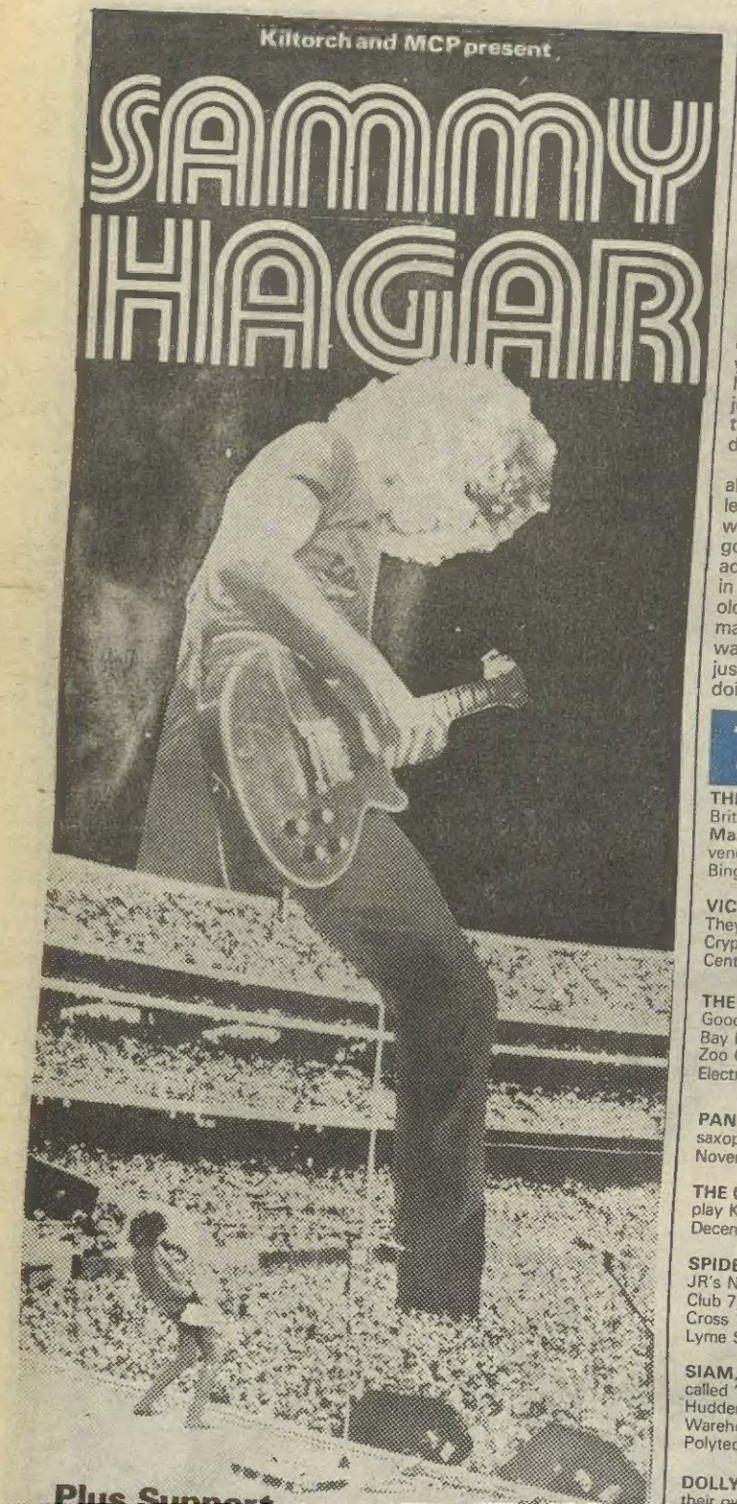

The continuing saga of Rainbow splits

AFTER SEVERAL weeks of speculation **Don Airey** has confirmed that he's leaving **Rainbow.** Keyboard player Airey had been with the band for three years which practically qualifies him for a long service medal judging by Rainbow's staff turnover, and he stressed that his departure was amicable.

"I haven't been too happy about things since Cozy Powell left," he said last week. "The whole heavy feel seemed to have gone and frankly after the real achievement of Castle Donington in 1980, bashing our way through old Rainbow and even old Purple material night after night in 1981 wasn't doing any of us much justice, and certainly wasn't doing what is left of my brain much good at all.

"At present I'm enjoying being one of the three million ex-Rainbow members! My plans for the future include some work with **Graham Bonnet,** a project with **Gary Moore** and a work for keyboards and symphony orchestra, which I hope to record sometime next year."

News from the Rainbow camp is that Airey's replacement is American **David Rosenthal,** about whom little is known, tilting the band still further across the Atlantic. They are now recording an album in Montreal for release in the Spring. And Blackmore can take solace from the fact that 'Best Of Rainbow' has crashed straight into the charts.

DON AIREY

TOUR NEWS/DATES

THE HUMAN LEAGUE have added a third keyboard player for their upcoming British tour. He is **Michael Douglas,** who last played with **Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark** on their 'Architecture And Morality' album. Most venues for the tour have now sold out, but there are still tickets for the Stafford Bingley Hall date on December 21.

VICE SQUAD have made some changes to their dates published last week. They'll now be appearing at Sheffield Marples on December 1, Middlesbrough Crypt 6, Huddersfield Cleopatra's 8, Manchester Mayflower 10, Worksop Sports Centre 12.

THE BUREAU, Mo-Dettes and **Roddy Radiation,** who are going out on a joint Good Bad And Ugly Tour, have switched some dates. They now play Colwyn Bay Pier November 30 instead of Oxford, Liverpool Warehouse 15 (replacing the Zoo Club on the 7th), Birmingham Locarno 16 (moved from the 2nd), Leicester Electric Theatre 19, Cardiff Top Rank 20.

PANIC, the "hard rocking quintet" with **Valentine Guinness** on vocals, guitar, saxophone and a massive inheritance(!) play dates at Fulham Golden Lion November 26, Camden Dingwalls 28.

THE 01 BAND from Hounslow, who travel everywhere with **Billy The Goat,** play Kingston Waves November 27, London Marquee 29, Islington Pied Bull December 2, Islington Hope And Ancher 6, Islington Pied Bull 9.

SPIDER have extended their British tour into next month with gigs at Blackpool JR's November 27-28, Bathgate Kain Park Hotel December 6, Bannockburn Atom Club 7, Kidderminster Boar's Head 11, Bristol Granary 12, Birmingham Mercat Cross 15, Isle of Grain Rock Club 19, Mier Wagon And Horses 26, Ashton Under Lyme Spreadeagle 31.

SIAM, a five-piece band featuring **Jacqui Brooks** who've just released a single called 'Catrix' on A&M, have lined up gigs at Retford Porterhouse November 27, Huddersfield Polytechnic 28, Swindon Brunel Rooms December 1, Leeds Warehouse 3, Manchester Rafters 4, Reading Bulmersche College 5, Sheffield Polytechnic 8, Chadwell Heath Electric Stadium 12.

DOLLY MIXTURE, who've just finished supporting Bad Manners, play dates at

Earth shakers

BOW WOW WOW have been added as special guests to the 'Christmas On Earth' at Leeds Queen's Hall on December 20.

As previously announced, the festival stars **The Damned** with the **UK Subs, The Exploited, Anti-Pasti, Anti-Nowhere League, Vice Squad, Chron-Gen** and **Charge.**

The other names now confirmed are **Black Flag** (the Los Angeles punk band), **Chelsea, Trockener Lama** (two German p **Insane** and **GBH,** ma of fifteen bands on the

Tickets are now on England priced at £4.5 be £5.00 on the day.

Bow Wow Wow had out of their gig at Lond Lyceum on November they had to go to Amer short notice. They've re the date for December tickets will be valid.

CORPORATION (above) "the latest addition to London's cool school o dress up for a couple of rare gigs at Bayswater Plaza Hotel November 2 Mayfair Embassy Club December 6.

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Out of focus

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